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Attention: Mr. Eric Hanson, Associate Environmental Planner

Subject: Request for a List of Proposed, Threatened, or Endangered Species Potentially
Occurring in the Vicinity of the I-710 Corridor Project in Los Angeles County,
California

Dear Mr. Caron:

This letter is in response to your request, received by our office on May 21, 2012, for information on federally endangered, threatened, proposed, and candidate species that may occur in the vicinity of the I-710 Corridor Project in Los Angeles County. To assist you in evaluating the potential occurrence of federally listed endangered, threatened, proposed, and candidate species that may occur in the vicinity of the proposed action, we are providing the enclosed list.

Because we do not have site-specific information for the proposed project, we recommend that you seek assistance from a biologist familiar with the habitat conditions and associated species in and around the project site to assess the actual potential for direct, indirect, and cumulative impacts likely to result from the proposed activity. We also suggest that you contact the California Department of Fish and Game regarding State-listed and sensitive species that may occur within the project area. Please note that State-listed species are protected under the provisions of the California Endangered Species Act.

As a reminder, if a proposed project is authorized, funded, or carried out by a Federal agency and may affect a federally listed species, then section 7 consultation pursuant to the Endangered Species Act of 1973 (Act), as amended, is required. If a proposed project does not involve a Federal agency, but is likely to result in the take of a listed animal species, then the project proponent should apply for an incidental take permit, pursuant to section 10 of the Act.

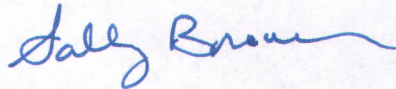
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Please note that the Carlsbad Fish and Wildlife Office is hosting all critical habitat GIS data within our jurisdictional area on our website at <http://www.fws.gov/carlsbad>. Select the GIS DATA link to access current critical habitat layers.

Should you have any questions regarding the species listed or your responsibilities under the Act, please contact Sally Brown of this office at 760-431-9440, extension 278.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Sally Brown". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Sally" being more prominent than the last name "Brown".Handwritten initials in blue ink, appearing to be "KAG", positioned to the left of the typed name.

Karen A. Goebel
Assistant Field Supervisor

Enclosure

**Federally Endangered, Threatened, Proposed, and Candidate Species and Critical Habitat
that May Occur in the Vicinity of the I-710 Corridor Project in Los Angeles
County, California**

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Common Name	Scientific Name	Federal Status	Critical Habitat in Vicinity
<u>Plants</u>			
Brand's phacelia	<i>Phacelia stellaris</i>	candidate	N/A*
California Orcutt grass	<i>Orcuttia californica</i>	endangered	N/A
salt marsh bird's beak	<i>Cordylanthus maritimus</i> <i>subsp. maritimus</i>	endangered	N/A
Lyon's pentachaeta	<i>Pentachaeta lyonii</i>	endangered	N/A
<u>Birds</u>			
coastal California gnatcatcher	<i>Polioptila californica</i> <i>californica</i>	threatened	none
least Bell's vireo	<i>Vireo bellii pusillus</i>	endangered	none
southwestern willow flycatcher	<i>Empidonax traillii extimus</i>	endangered	none
western snowy plover	<i>Charadrius alexandrinus</i> <i>nivosus</i>	threatened	none
California least tern	<i>Sternula antillarum</i> <i>browni</i>	endangered	N/A

* N/A = not applicable